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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TOCY, IC

SUBJECT: R/V ENDEAVOR CLEARANCE REQUEST

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 0788 (B) STATE 031167

1. FYI: DEPT, URI, AND USGS HAVE DISCUSSED PROBLEM  
RAISED REFTEL. U.S. DOES NOT RECOGNIZE REYKJANES RIDGE  
AS PHYSICALLY BEING A CONTINENTAL SHELF AND FROM REFTEL  
IT APPEARS ICELAND MIGHT. REASON FOR U.S. VIEW IS THAT  
RIDGE IS RECENTLY FORMED VOLCANIC ROCK WITH LITTLE OR NO  
SEDIMENT. EASIEST SOLUTION TO PRACTICAL PROBLEM APPEARS  
TO BE AN ADDITION OF RESEARCH STATIONS CLOSE TO ICELANDIC  
COAST ON U.S. RECOGNIZED CONTINENTAL SHELF. U.S. IS THEN  
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IN POSITION TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR PROGRAM IN GENERAL.  
URI HAS AGREED TO THIS AND HAS DEVELOPED A SCIENTIFIC  
JUSTIFICATION FOR ADDING THE STATIONS, WHICH WILL ENABLE  
USG TO PROCESS A CLEARANCE REQUEST. PLOY MAY BE OBVIOUS  
TO GOI BUT WE BELIEVE IT MAY RESOLVE SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS  
WHICH MAY BE RELATED TO SOVIET/DEFENSE CONSIDERATIONS.  
CONTACT WILL BE ASKED TO EXPEDITE CLEARANCE BY GOI. AS

TIME IS SHORT IT IS HOPED GOI WILL GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO REQUEST WHICH WAS BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION LAST FEBRUARY. END FYI.

2. EMBASSY CAN FIND PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR DRAFTING A CLEARANCE REQUEST IN REFTEL B AND SUPPLEMENT WITH FOLLOWING:

A. A REVIEW OF OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDUCTING THE RESEARCH HAS REVEALED THAT A LARGE SCALE GRADIENT IN THE COMPOSITION OF OCEANIC CRUST HAS BEEN FOUND FROM PREVIOUS STUDIES BETWEEN ICELAND AND 62 DEGREES N. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF SOME APPARENT SMALL SCALE FLUCTUATIONS AND INSUFFICIENT SAMPLING COVERAGE IN THE VICINITY OF 63 DEGREES 10 MINUTES N. INTERPRETATION OF THE PHENOMENON IS UNCERTAIN AND CONTROVERSIAL. ADDITIONAL DREDGING IN THE VICINITY OF 63 DEGREES 10 MINUTES N. AT WATER DEPTHS OF 100-360 METERS WOULD HELP RESOLVE THE QUESTIONS.

B. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK PERMISSION FOR R/V ENDEAVOR TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, PART OF WHICH IS ON ICELANDIC CONTINENTAL SHELF, DURING THE PERIOD 8-24 JULY 1978. VANCE

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